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Book Discussion Group Honors Barbara Todd

In honor of Barbara Todd's recent retirement, the Friday Morning Book Discussion Group has contributed money to buy new books for the MGPL collection.

For eighteen years Mrs. Todd gave book reviews of new library acquisitions once a month. Over the years, the group grew from about seven people to a group of almost 20. Several "charter members" attended Friday Morning Book Discussions for Mrs. Todd's entire tenure at the library.

The books were selected with Mrs. Todd's love of the cinema in mind. They are *MGM: When The Lion Roars* by Peter Hay, and *Casablanca: As Time Goes By*, a book commemorating the movie's 50th anniversary by Frank Miller.

Book plates in the books read "In appreciation of Barbara Todd: A Library Treasure - The Friday Morning Book Discussion Group."

Mrs. Todd says that she observed many changes in popular novels while leading the Book Discussions. For example, twenty years ago historical novels were the backbone of the novel industry. Today's novels more often revolve around corporate and industrial settings.

These books will enable other patrons to share the entertainment and fun that Mrs. Todd and the Book Group participants found at the library. ❦

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Morton Grove Public Library receives award at ALA convention. Shown are (left to right) Barbara Eschner, Vice President of Marketing of Gale Research Company, Eugenia Bryant, Head of Adult Services at MGPL, and Merle Jacob, Adult Materials Specialist for Chicago Public Libraries who chaired the judging committee.

MGPL Donates Books to Chicago Public Schools

Thanks to the Morton Grove Public Library, students at Doolitle East and Doolittle West schools will start the academic year with almost 1,000 more books than they had last year.

During the summer, librarians weeded old books off the shelves of the children's room. Although the books are no longer suitable for circulation purposes, they can still be enjoyed by children. Wanting to put the books to good use, children's *(continued on page 4)*

MGPL Receives Award at ALA Convention

At the American Library Association convention in San Francisco, Morton Grove Public Library was presented the Gale/RASD Research Award for Excellence in Reference and Adult Services. Eugenia Bryant, Head of Adult Services accepted the plaque and a check for $1,000.

MGPL earned this distinction through the work of Kevin Justie, MGPL's Head of Technical and Automated Services. About two years ago Justie, a life-long computer buff, designed a computer program to consolidate the library's most frequently used reference material. The result was ORRS, the Online Ready Reference System.

ORRS compiles information on the government, college catalogs, annual reports, phone books, and song indexes into one place. Library staff can now quickly find the answers to questions such as "Where can I find the lyrics of 'Paddlin' Madeline Home'?" and "How can I write my representatives in Springfield? ❦

What's Up At The Library?

September-October

Admission to all programs is free.

Adults

Home Buying in the '90s

Purchasing a home is a complicated process, and prospective buyers must be familiar with all its intricacies. This seminar will introduce you to the roles that brokers, appraisers, home inspectors, realtors and attorneys play in home-buying in the '90s. ***Tuesday, Sept. 8, 7:00 pm.***

Glimpses of Egypt: Past & Present

Get at close-up look at pyramids, mosques, mummies, and the people who now live in Egypt today. Eric Silla of Northwestern University will be your tour guide. ***Tuesday, Sept. 8, 11:30 am.***

New Books Showcase

So, you don't know what to read? Or you're looking for a gift? Come see the latest books at the library! We'll show you the best and the newest of our collection. ***Friday Sept. 18, 10:00 am*** and ***Friday, Oct. 9, 10:00 am.***

Opera Profile Series: *Otello* and *The Bartered Bride*

Get ready for this year's opera season with opera profiles from the Skokie Valley Chapter of the Lyric Opera. Rossini's *Otello* will be covered in September, and *The Bartered Bride* by Smetana will be the subject of October's lecture. ***Sunday, Sept. 13, 2:00 pm*** and ***Sunday, Oct. 4, 2:00 pm.***

Auto Insurance: What is Full Coverage?

Bill Berkowitz of Prudential Insurance will lead this discussion of your auto insurance options. ***Thursday, Sept. 24, 7:00 pm.***

Come to the Fair! The 1893 World's Columbian Exposition

Lee Gibbs of Fantastic Tours and Programs will give a colorful presentation on the World's Fair that took place in Chicago almost a century ago. ***Tuesday, Oct. 13, 11:30 am.***

Adults (continued)

Recover Your Health with Dr. Keith I. Block, M.D.

Dr. Block is a nationally-recognized authority on the role of nutrition in health and healing. In this lecture and slide show, Dr. Block will discuss how diet can treat people at risk for chronic illnesses such as cancer and heart disease. ***Thursday, Oct. 22, 7:30 pm.***

Got a Minute? Time Management Seminar

Teens and their parents can benefit from this fun and practical seminar. The whole family will learn tricks to fit more work and more relaxation into life! ***Thursday, Sept. 10, 7:00 pm.***

Feature Films

The Player

Dozens of stars appear in this satirical look at corruption in the Hollywood film industry. Rated R. ***Monday, Sept. 14, 2:30pm and 7:30pm.***

My Cousin Vinny

Joe Pesci and Ralph Macchio star in this light-hearted comedy about a Brooklyn lawyer's bumbling efforts to save his cousin from false murder charges. Rated R. ***Monday, Oct. 12, 2:30pm and 7:30 pm.***

The Best Kept Secret . . . Services to Senior Citizens

This is an important presentation for seniors and their care-givers. Unbeknownst to many people, numerous organizations provide services to senior citizens. Gary Kenzer, CEO of the Community Nutrition Network, and Diane Niemeyer, Outreach Coordinator of Family Counseling Services of Evanston and Skokie Valley will help you take advantage of these great deals. ***Wednesday, Oct. 28, 10:00 am.***

Kids

Fall Children's Programming

Registration for Fall Children's Programs begins on September 21 for Morton Grove residents and on September 28 for non-residents. All programs run from the week of October 12 to that of November 30.

Preschool Story Hour: *Class limit: 30*

Mondays	1pm
Tuesdays	1pm
Wednesdays	10am
Thursdays	6:45 pm

Library Playtime:
Class limit: 12 children & 12 parents
For 2 1/2 year-olds and their parents:

Thursday	10:30 am
Friday	10:30 am

Stories & Stuff: *Class limit: 12*
Grades 1-2 Monday 7:00 pm

Arts & Crafts: *Class limit: 15*
Grades 1-3 Monday 4:00pm
Grades 4-6 Friday 4:00pm

Creative Writing: *Class limit 40*
Grades 2-6 Wednesday 4:00pm

Adults (continued)

Humanities Festival: The Novels of Fay Weldon

Sally Whitmore of the University of Illinois at Chicago will lead a discussion on Fay Weldon's writings. Weldon will be a speaker at the Chicago Humanities Festival. Previous reading is not necessary to attend the program. (See next page for details) ***Sunday, Oct., 11, 2:00 pm.***

LunchTime Movies

Join us for movies on everything from wild animals to architecture and volcanoes - it's a blast! Bring your lunch - the coffee's on us.***Tuesdays at 11:30 am.***

September 1992

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		LunchTime Movies 11:30am 1	2	3	4	5
6	**Labor Day** Library Closed 7	**Egypt: Past & Present** 11:30 am Home Buying in the '90's - 7:00 pm 8	9	***Got a Minute?*** Time Mangmnt. 7pm Library Board Meeting 7:45 pm 10	11	Children's Summer Reading Program Party 2:00pm 12
Opera Profile: *Otello* 2:00pm 13	**Feature Film:** *The Player* 2:30 & 7:30pm 14	LunchTime Movies 11:30am 15	16	17	**New Books Showcase** 10:00 am 18	19
20	Sign-up for Fall Children's Programs begins for Morton Grove residents 21	LunchTime Movies 11:30am 22	23	**Auto Insurance:** What is Full Coverage? 7:00 pm 24	25	26
27	Sign-up for Fall Children's Programs begins for non-Morton Grove residents 28	LunchTime Movies 11:30am 29	30			

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25	26	LunchTime Movies 11:30am 27	**The Best Kept Secret . . .** Services to Senior Citizens 10:00 am 28	29	30	31

North Suburban Libraries Prepare for Chicago Humanities Festival

In September and October eight North Suburban libraries will sponsor programs in conjunction with the Third Annual Chicago Humanities Festival. This year's Festival will take place on November 14 and 15 in downtown Chicago. The library programs are designed to familiarize people with the authors and works that will appear in the Festival.

The Festival brings together people from the arts and the humanities to address issues of public concern. This year the Festival's theme is "From Freedom to Equality."

On October 11 the Morton Grove Library will host a program on British writer Fay Weldon. Weldon is known for writing about contemporary women's lives with insightfulness and wit. Her short stories have appeared in *Ms.* magazine, *Harper's* and *Vogue*. Her novels include *Life Force*, *Watching Me Watching You*, and *Down Among the Women*. Her work has inspired a number of films and television mini-series.

Although people may attend the Festival without previous knowledge of the works discussed, Festival organizers believe that the programs can be more meaningful to people who are familiar with the works.

North suburban libraries presenting programs are Morton Grove, Elgin, Park Ridge, Niles, Crystal Lake, Skokie, Glenview and Northbrook. Watch for posters in libraries giving the schedule of programs.

Other programs in the library series will address female characters in George Bernard Shaw's plays; the works of W.E.B. Dubois and Booker T. Washington; the work of Argentine poet Marjorie Agosin; freedom and nationalism in the operas of Verdi and others; and Tolstoy's treatment of the themes of freedom and equality.

Author John Updike will give the Festival keynote address on November 15. Norman Rush, whose novel *Mating* won the 1991 National Book Award will also participate in the Festival.

Books To Chicago Public Schools *(cont. from first page)*

librarian Joan Gross contacted Linda Scott, a Morton Grove resident who has taught first grade at Doolittle West for over twenty years.

With Ms. Scott's help, the Morton Grove Public Library has donated almost 700 fiction books to first grade classrooms at Doolittle West and approximately 300 fiction books for 4th through 6th graders in the reading program at Doolittle East school.

Students at the Doolittle schools, located on East 35th Street in Chicago, do not have access to a wide range of books. Ms. Scott says that students and teachers will treasure the small classroom libraries created with the donated books. Of the first graders she says, "For a goodly part of the year they think their textbooks are the only books they can read. When they realize they can read other books too, it's like magic."

MGPL Obtains *Ring* Opera Videos

Thanks to a generous gift from the Skokie Valley Chapter of the Lyric Opera of Chicago, MGPL has acquired videos of the Metropolitan Opera production of Wagner's *Der Ring Des Nibelungen*, known as the *Ring* series. The set consists of five video cassettes. Opera lovers can find the tapes in the library video display.

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